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Concessions to the Ezhavas of Malabar.

* 663 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued a Government Order declaring Ezhavas of Palghat as being eligible for concessions granted to Backward Classes;

(*b*) if so, why;

(*c*) whether in other areas of Malabar than Palghat, Ezhavas are described by different names such as Chokans, Tandans and Thiyyas; and

(*d*) whether classes in (*c*) also will be made eligible for all concessions, etc., granted to the Ezhavas of Palghat by inclusion in the Backward Classes list?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" (*a*) to (*d*) A copy [a] of G.O. No. 774, Education, dated 6th April 1953, is placed on the table of the House. The Thiyyas in the four taluks mentioned in the order were granted the concessions because they were considered to be backward in education. It is not the intention of the Government to extend this concession to any other groups now."

Protected Water-supply Scheme for Uravakonda town.

* 664 Q.—SRI S. NARAYANAPPA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Tungabhadra High Level Channel has been included in the Five-Year Plan; and

(*b*) if not, what steps the Government have taken in connexion with the Protected Water-supply Scheme of Uravakonda town?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" (*a*) The scheme has not yet been included in the Five-Year Plan.

" (*b*) The matter is being examined by the Government."

Public holiday on Buddha Purnima.

* 665 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have recently declared Buddha Purnima as a public holiday; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the same?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir. The Government after considering a suggestion that a holiday should be notified on Vaishak Purnima, have decided not to do so as the principle behind holidays is not analogous to honouring persons of distinction. We have far too many non-working holidays already. The list can be added to only for

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 655 infra.

very strong reasons and when a considerable body of devotees are by reason of customary, religious and social duties necessarily associated with the day are thereby prevented from attending office or place of work on a particular day."

Government Headquarters Hospital, Tiruchirappalli.

* 666 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of bed-strength in the Government Headquarters Hospital at Tiruchirappalli for treating in-patients;

(*b*) what was the daily average number of in-patients during the months of January and February 1953; and

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of beds and when it will be done?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The present bed-strength of the Headquarters Hospital at Tiruchirappalli is 275.

" (*b*) The daily average number of in-patients treated in January 1953 and February 1953 is 444 and 488 respectively.

" (*c*) A proposal to increase the bed-strength of the Headquarters Hospital, Tiruchirappalli, is under consideration.

Murder cases in Rayachoti taluk.

* 667 *Q.*—SRI Y. AUDINARAYANA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many murders took place in Rayachoti taluk in the calendar years 1950, 1951 and 1952;

(*b*) how many were detected;

(*c*) how many of them were reported to be committed by hirelings;

(*d*) how many of these cases ended in acquittal and how many of them ended in conviction; and

(*e*) what action the Government have taken or propose to take to check this sort of crime in this area?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) to (*d*) A statement [a] showing the particulars asked for is placed on the table of the House.

" (*e*) Villages where hired assassins are reported to reside are being visited by the police regularly and they are being watched, for action being taken under section 110 (*f*), Criminal Procedure Code."

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 655 infra.